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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Senator Wolk

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to California Library Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 14, as amended, Wolk. California Library Week.

This measure would declare April 14, 2013, to April 20, 2013, inclusive, as California Library Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Library Week seeks to partner with the
- 2 efforts surrounding National Library Week, which is being

1 celebrated in public libraries throughout the United States from
2 April 14, 2013, to April 20, 2013, inclusive; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 21 million people use California’s public
4 libraries each year; and

5 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries are dynamic places,
6 offering books, computers, Internet access, email reference,
7 e-books, and other innovative services to connect their users with
8 ideas and information; and

9 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries are valued community
10 centers providing education, information, knowledge, and
11 entertainment; and

12 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries and librarians advance
13 teaching and learning by helping students, faculty, seniors,
14 veterans, researchers, and other members of the general public
15 obtain the best, most accurate, and complete information; and

16 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries provide equal and
17 economical services to library users, and in many cases, serve as
18 a community’s only point of access to resources for learning; and

19 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries provide technology
20 training and help to bridge the digital divide for those who do not
21 have access to technology at home or at school; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries change lives by serving
23 over 20,000 adults annually through customized literacy services
24 delivered primarily through trained volunteers, who contribute
25 over 750,000 hours annually to assist adults in learning how to
26 read; and

27 WHEREAS, The students of California are a rapidly growing
28 group of library users, visiting the state’s public libraries after
29 school and on weekends for homework assistance and for materials
30 to use in school assignments; and

31 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries are important
32 community educational resources, providing books and innovative
33 programs and services such as preschool literacy readiness, Toddler
34 Times, the Summer Reading Program, Grandparents and Books,
35 and Reach Out and Read in conjunction with pediatric clinics; and

36 WHEREAS, This year the California State Library will be
37 celebrating its 163rd year of providing technical assistance and
38 consultation to California’s public libraries, and preserving and
39 hosting an abundance of California’s priceless historical items;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries preserve our cultural
2 heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
5 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the week of April
6 14, 2013, to April 20, 2013, inclusive, as California Library Week,
7 and commends California’s public libraries, librarians, and all
8 library workers for enriching the lives of California residents and
9 helping to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and
10 work; and be it further

11 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.